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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

BANKS.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital..... \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital..... \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

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6 " 4 "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [18]

INSURANCES.

THE FUNDS
OF THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

ARE invested entirely within the British
Dominions and are thus free from the
complications which might arise in time of war.
They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling,
and have increased 50 per cent in the last 15
years.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON-TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
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CAPITAL, TALES 100,000; \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND \$818,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.
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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

NEW VOLUME 8 & 9, PIAWA WEST.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [186]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [149]

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—SINGAPORE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM
DIVIDEND will be paid at the rate of 5 PER CENT.

per annum has this day been declared by the
Board of Directors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 21st December, 1892, to
2nd January, 1893.

By Order of the Directors,

WM. MACBEAN,
Agent,
Hongkong Branch,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1892. [1222]

MASONIC.

DILIGENTIA LODGE

OF INSTRUCTION.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 15th
instant, at 5 for 6.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1892. [1220]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1,165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'

HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 16th
instant, at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely. Visiting

Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1892. [1219]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of

the Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction,

to be held on the spot on

MONDAY,

the 19th day of December, 1892, at 4 P.M., are

published for general information.

By Command,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1892. [1234]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Boundary Measurements.

N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1892.

Intimations.

GINGER ALE.

WE have always made good GINGER ALE, and we are now making the best. At various exhibitions and competitions in London and elsewhere, GINGER ALE made by the formula we now use has won 32 Prize MEDALS and CERTIFICATES of MERIT.

In 1890 competed and won against FOUR of the most famed Belfast makers.

The Analyst's report:

"It is of exceptionally good quality."

"Particularly pleasant to the taste."

"Decidedly tonic and sustaining."

"In every respect most satisfactory."

ARTHUR HILL: HASSAL, M.D.

The ideal temperance beverage.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & CO., LTD.
Victoria Dispensary,
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 17th October, 1892. [1183]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

have just received

ex Steamers "BENLEDI" and "GANGES"
their first shipments of

XMAS CONFECTIONERY
Consisting of—

CHOCOLATE CREAMES, VANILLA PRA-
LINES, SUGARED ALMONDS, BURNT
ALMONDS, NOUGAT, JUJUBES,
TURKISH DELIGHT,

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DELICIOUS FRUIT JELLIES.
ASSORTED PINEAPPLE, LIME, DAMSON,
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PLUM, &c.

CALLARD AND BOWSER'S
BUTTER SCOTCH, ALMOND ROCK and
EVERTON TOFFEE.

CADBURRY'S CHOCOLATES
in great variety.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, MUSCATELS,
ALMONDS AND FIGS.

FANCY BOXES.
A large and varied Assortment of
ARTISTIC DESIGNS.

XMAS CARDS,
ENGLISH, JAPANESE and CHINESE,
a splendid selection.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS,
A LARGE STOCK WELL ASSORTED.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1892.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1892.

THE VOLUNTEER DEADLOCK.

After a severe wrestling match, in the shape of an editorial of the usual *Daily Press* brand, with the vexed Volunteer question, our sapient morning contemporary "with the example of Shanghai before us, sees no reason why a Corps of two hundred members should not be formed and efficiently worked for the sums mentioned by the Governor, namely, \$10,000 for initial expenses and \$13,000 for annual maintenance." We are not surprised that the *Daily Press* is unable to see any reason why an utter impossibility cannot be achieved; indeed, considering that journal's notorious obliquity of vision on even the simplest matters, it would astonish us greatly if in dealing with any question of importance requiring even a modicum of combined knowledge and ordinary everyday sense, the Wyndham Street twaddler could recognise reason when he met it full in the face. To begin with, it is utter and absolute nonsense to draw any comparison between the respective volunteer systems of Shanghai and Hongkong, the general as well as certain special conditions governing the two places being so entirely different. Volunteering in Shanghai has a solid justification in the very suggestive fact that it is always on the cards, as every old China hand knows right well, that some day the thoroughly cosmopolitan community of the Settlements may be called upon to defend themselves at an hour's notice from internal attack and justify the famous watch-words of our citizen soldiers, *Pro aris et focis*. The foreign residents of the great northern port are almost solely their own defenders, they have no British troops to rely on, no British fleet to ensure immunity from Chinese aggression; but shoulder to shoulder, Britons, Americans, French, Germans, Portuguese and men of other

nationalities would have to do their best in self-defence, to protect their homes, their wives and families. Although it's actual danger nowadays of a Chinese outbreak against foreigners in Shanghai is very small, still it is well within the range of possibility, and as forewarned is forearmed, very solid reason for liberally encouraging the volunteer movement is obvious. But in Hongkong the position is entirely different. This colony is protected by a comparatively powerful force of regular troops. It is claimed by military authorities to be most strongly fortified and armed, with all modern warlike appliances for defensive operations, and in addition we have a British fleet always within call, capable of sweeping the China Sea of all enemies, should the necessity ever arise. We do not wish it to be understood that we altogether depurate volunteerism in Hongkong; amateur soldiering is healthy work, it possesses some social attractions which cannot but have a good effect, and it would be idle to deny that circumstances might arise, although it is hardly possible, when the services of two or three hundred drilled men would prove serviceable as an adjunct to the regular forces. But while admitting that a corps of volunteers might not be without its uses, we quite fail to recognise that it is a necessity, and for that reason we should strongly oppose the expenditure of large sums of money for an article the utility of which is more than doubtful. The colony pays a very heavy annual military contribution for its defence, and as the safety of Hongkong is of far more importance to Imperial than to purely local interests, that defence ought to be and no doubt is considered sufficient for all useful purposes. Times are admittedly bad in the Far East, and as the colony has entered into a contract with the British Government for our protection from possible invaders, the taxpayers are not really called upon to provide for the establishment and upkeep of a band of amateur warriors who are never likely to be wanted on active service. Should a Chinese rising take place in the colony, there are between six and seven hundred thoroughly armed and disciplined policemen ready at any moment to face such an emergency; and in the event of the rising becoming a revolt, we have the Shropshire Light Infantry, Hongkong's Very Own Regiment, batteries of Artillery, detachments of the Royal Engineers and the Gun Lascars corps, a force sufficient not merely to crush disaffection in Hongkong but to take Canton and walk half through China if the necessity arose. To oppose outside invasion—an impossibility in our opinion, in view of the present state of European politics—we have the British China Squadron, and it may be a matter of doubt whether, were commercial affairs as brilliant and prosperous as they are feeble and depressed, it would be worth while for France or Russia—no other Power need be seriously considered—to run the very dangerous risk which an attack on this far distant outpost of the British Empire would necessarily involve! But we can do without—a Volunteer contingent in the colony, and this view is materially strengthened when we find that the proposals made to the Government by the experts appointed to report on the subject are simply impracticable. We don't require any holiday military burliesques nor any *sot-dans* soldiers as 'mashers' at picnics and dances. The present Hongkong Volunteer Artillery have done good work, and what are left of the original corps are capable of doing good work yet. If volunteering is to be encouraged, let the encouragement be given to those who have striven hard in the past and on lines that are likely to prove useful. Clubs, gilded uniforms, coolies to do all the hard work for the proposed Masher Brigade, social cliques, and a jolly good time at the expense of the tax-payers, may form a glittering programme, but *cut domo* and will the public quickly acquiesce in such a transparent and rotten programme? We don't think so, and as our morning contemporary is unable to see why a body of two hundred men should not be enrolled and kept up to that number for the sums promised by Governor Robinson, we have only to simply explain that there are not 200 British subjects in Hongkong—and aliens are ineligible—who would volunteer for active service under any circumstances—unless danger actually threatened.

TELEGRAMS.

THE INDIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
LONDON, December 1st.

Major-General Sir George S. White, K.C.B., V.C., has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in India.

UGANDA.

The British Government are despatching a special Commissary, with an escort, to Uganda to report upon the present position of the country.

A REPORTED ROYAL BETROTHAL.

December 1st.

The report of the approaching betrothal of H. R. H. the Duke of York with Princess May of Teck is again revived and resurges undenied.

THE SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Special Telegram to the *Straits Times*.)

LONDON, December 1st.

The news of the winding up of the Singapore Insurance Company, has met with a thorough approbation in London.

THE SHERMAN SILVER PURCHASE BILL.

December 13th.

In the United States Senate Mr. Stewart introduced a motion to amend the Sherman Act by the establishment of five silver coinage, and the issue of Treasury bonds based on silver deposits.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Arrasoon Aspar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore yesterday, for this port.

H.M.S. *Swift* arrived at Foochow from Wenchow on the 6th inst., and was to leave for Hongkong on the 12th.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Paris*, with masts, &c., which sailed hence November 10th, and from Yokohama on the 21st, arrived at San Francisco on the 13th inst.

The man who sold figures would not be given an opportunity of studying the statistics quoted, by the Hon. G. T. M. O'Brien at the Legislative Council meetings.

ANONY has challenged Foothow to send down a team during the Army Races in January to play matches at cricket, lawn-tennis, and any other games that may be arranged.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of China*, Capt. Archibald, left Vancouver yesterday morning, for this port, via Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.

THE Bangkok Times of the 3rd Inst. says that telegraphic advices from Chinalat state, that 82,500 teak logs are expected in Bangkok this season, but that the river is falling steadily.

An Emergency Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE fifth half-yearly meeting of the British Marine Officers' Association will be held in the new Rooms (16, Praya Central) at 6 o'clock to-morrow evening. Captain A. Tillet, the President, will take the Chair.

A SINGAPORE sportsman, Mr. G. P. Owen, went off for a day's shooting on the 1st Inst., and put together a very peculiar big, consisting of half a dozen couplets of snipe, a porcupine, a jungle pig, and a crocodile twelve feet long.

TO-MORROW is the last day on which Mr. Walcott will be at the City Hall exhibiting his ingenious combination pocket knives and really excellent solid emoji files. These are articles which we have tried ourselves and can thoroughly recommend to everybody.

MISSES LANE CRAWFORD & CO. have sent us, with kindle greetings and good wishes, specimens of what are described as "The Water Minet Screens." These chaste and beautifully finished calendars are about the best Christmas cards we have seen this season.

THE body of the young sampan woman who was drowned yesterday owing to a collision between her craft and the steamer *Fastnet*, has been recovered by the Police. The body of her little brother, seven years of age, has not yet been found. An inquest on the woman's body will be held to-morrow.

MATS Due—
Singapore (Tava) 14th
French (Meilleurs) 17th
English (Verona) 19th
Indian (A. Africa) 19th
Bombay (Tibet) 27th

Two ladies from Macau who landed at Penang the other week got into trouble with the authorities for having in their possession \$20 worth of illicit opium dress. On being brought before the magistrate on November 29th one of the ladies pled guilty to the soft impeachment, and exonerated her companion from all responsibility, who was consequently discharged. A fine of \$200 was imposed.

THE Maria Christina Cigar Depôt, of No. 8 D'Aguilar Street, has forwarded us samples of some of their best Manila manufactured cigars. The Maria Christina is well known as the best and most reliable house in the Manila cigar trade. These are excellent cigars in every way and will no doubt meet with a large sale among those who enjoy a first-class article. For further particulars we refer our readers to a notice in our advertising columns.

It is not generally known, says the *N. C. Daily News*, that when the Great Northern's cables to Japan are interrupted, there is an alternative route from Shanghai via Chinese land lines and Corea. The rate is \$1.42 per word, against 58 cents to Nagasaki and 68 cents to other places. It is, it is stated, to the desire of the Great Northern Company, which owns the cable, that the cable should be specifically used to prevent competition with Fusan and Tsushima to prevent competition with its direct cable.

THE Chefoo correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes on the 20th ult.—The military authorities began road making eight days ago, but a northward gale, with heavy rain and then snow, put a stop to their purpose of making good military roads as far as Wei-hai in the east, and Tsing-tau, the capital of the province, in the west. Also, that it is purposed to put a light draught steamer of some kind on the Hwang-ho, to run between Tiger Head, on the coast, and Tsing-tau. This, if accomplished, will greatly facilitate trade, especially in winter. But foreign shippers will not be much benefited by it, as the goods brought from the interior will be trans-shipped at Tiger Head into the *Kuang-chi*, which is an appendage of the C.M.S.N. Co. Who can blame the Chinese for trying to drive foreigners out of the market? I am no business man, but it seems to me that if foreign traders would combine, and play into each other's hands as the natives do, they would have a far better chance of keeping hold of Chinese trade than they appear to have now.

THE Chinese method of awarding both punishment and rewards to her officials is sometimes very *knockabout*. Here is an instance. In the *Peking Gazette* of the 6th ult. appears a memorandum from Shao Yu-lien, the Governor of Formosa, who reports that the military inspections this year proved that, whilst the troops in the south did their duty, and the camps in middle Formosa and the Pescadores proved satisfactory, the northern soldiers were exceedingly bad. The brigadier-general, Wan Kuo-pao, and the expectant commanding general, Chang Chao-lan, are therefore recommended for special disqualification; but the commandants of the Talmansu camp, Li Sheng-hsi, and the colonel commanding the Ming and Chung-chia camps, Liu Chao-cho, are cashiered. Total Liu-chao, who had distinguished himself against the savages at To-koo-tan, was also ennobled with the command of the troops at Taipensu; but he being unable to master them, the latter command has been taken away from him. The Governor prays for the punishment of his own shortcomings, and to reward those officials deserving of distinction—Respectfully—Shao Yu-lien. He, to be handed over for punishment to the Board concerned, his other petitions are sanctioned.

"THEY LEAD THEM ALL." Such is the motto of Messrs. Macdonald Brothers & Co., the well-known commission merchants and importers, of No. 30 Water Street, Yokohama, and agents for the celebrated Californian wines of Messrs. Kohler and Van Bergen, San Francisco, and Mr. Julian P. Smith (Olivine), Livermore, California. Mr. George Macdonald has forwarded us samples of the leading brands of California wine, which have come out of the testing ordeal so satisfactorily that we feel sure they only require to be known to become generally popular and to command a ready sale.

These wines are guaranteed to be pure and unadulterated, and are far superior to many of the so-called high class products of France and Portugal. The Californian port is an excellent wine, full-bodied, with a pleasant flavour and entirely free from alcoholic mixtures. The sherry is mild and agreeable to the taste, and to those accustomed to Spanish brands of this wine, will be found more like Madeira than Sack or any of the well-known dry sherries. In claret California fairly holds her own, and a better wine at the price than Zinfandel it would be hard to find; and the same can truly be said of such light wines as Sauterne, Riesling, etc. Messrs. Macdonald Brothers are also agents for a choice blackberry brandy watered by every San Francisco steamer. They have also introduced the celebrated Buffalo beer, which is claimed to be the best American beer ever made, and which can be obtained in casks containing ten dozen pints or six dozen quarts, at reasonable rates. We understand that this enterprising firm contemplate establishing an agency in Hongkong for the sale of their California wines and other imports.

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THE German steamer *Aspa*, which left Singapore for Port Said on November 24th, broke her crankshaft outside Muscat on the 20th. Assistance was sent from Singapore, and the tug *Mercury* brought the *Aspa* safe into port on the 5th inst.

IT will be remembered that about a year ago Capt. J. Blackburne, of the steamship *Aspera*, whilst en route to Singapore rescued a dozen Chinese from a wrecked junk and took them to the Chinese consul in that port. In recognition of Capt. Blackburne's kind treatment of these derelicts the Chinese Government has prepared a handsomely carved tablet for presentation to the popular "Shan" skipper.

We note that Prince Constantine Wissemky, the Russian traveller, left Bangkok for Rabeng on November 22nd in a paddle-steamer, kindly placed at his disposal by the Siamese Government. He was accompanied by Mr. G. W. Ward, of the *Bangkok Times* and late of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, who will supply descriptions of the journey to Moscow to a number of journals in England and America.

IN Singapore on the 2nd Inst. the deaths of no fewer than seventeen Chinese were registered at the police stations. Some alarm was naturally caused by so many deaths under almost similar circumstances, and the authorities at once instituted inquiries, which resulted in the discovery that nearly all the deceased had partaken of some Chinese *chow-chow* which was vendied by Mr. Ling, a Chinaman, in the vicinity of Havelock Road the previous night.

THE Kobe Vanishing Act professor, Charles Edward Miller, arrived at Singapore from Samrang by the steamship *Godavari* on the 5th Inst. According to the *Free Press*, Miller was arrested at Sourabaya on board the *Hecula*, on his arrival from Singapore, under telegraphic instructions from the American Consul there. When brought before the court in Sourabaya and whilst the case was being inquired into, he was ordered by telegram from Batavia to be released.

WHILE four Cantonese carpenters were returning from their work at the old International Court a few days ago, reported the *Bangkok Times* of December 3rd, three of their countrymen who were following took occasion, when near Wat Sampeng, to attack them savagely with knives. One of the wounded men has since succumbed to injuries received and the other two are said to linger in a hopeless condition. Longstanding grudges are said to be the cause of the attack. The murderers are said at large, but it is hoped, from certain clues obtained by Chief Inspector Sheriff, they will soon be tracked down.

THE Tonkin duellists are getting worse and worse. Too mad to fight themselves, they have invoked the aid of the fearful fire-eater Marguès de Mores—by telegram. According to the *Libre Parole*, a Parisian rag, somebody telegraphed from Hongkong that the Governor (de Luynes) and the General (Restie) were enemies and had been intriguing deeply; that the whole Colony (of Tonkin) was taking up the cudgels, on one side or the other; that a military officer had forcibly taken from a journalist certain confidential documents in favour of the General; that the result was lawsuit, libel, and duel all along the line; and finally Mores was asked to help the military faction, not by coming out East and killing people, but by writing to the papers. The pen is mightier than the sword, especially among *nous autres Français*.

THE Colonial Hotel, recently opened by Mr. K. J. Shellin at No. 1 Jubilee Street (west of the New Central Market) is an establishment which has many claims to public support. Mr. Shellin has spared no pains or expense in fitting up the house and has succeeded in making it well worth a visit. The spacious bar-room is on the ground floor, in addition to five or six well-appointed bedrooms. Of the Colonial Hotel's cuisine we can speak in the highest terms; for those who have a *pincement* for Oriental dishes, we can safely recommend this establishment; the viands are of the first quality and the cooking is excellent. Mr. Shellin's draught beer is a specialty and is certainly not surpassed in the colony. The Colonial Hotel will meet

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the Executive Council of the Institute will provide, to place the collection in order.

I may add that I shall be glad to bring before the Governing Body the names of my gentlemen residents in, or connected with, Hongkong, who may be destined of becoming Fellows of the Institute. The particulars of Fellowship are shown in a memorandum which, together with a pamphlet descriptive of the Institute, will be forwarded to you by Sir Frederick Abel.

In conclusion, I would only add that the warm interests which I shall always feel in all projects calculated to promote the welfare and increase the reputation of Hongkong will at once explain and justify my addressing your Excellency on this subject.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
G. F. BOWEN,
Representative of Hongkong
on the Governing Body
of the Imperial
Institute.

To His Excellency the Governor, Hongkong.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Another large and enthusiastic audience assembled at the Circus last night to witness the performances of the various items enumerated on an elaborate programme which was, although some doubt the possibility of it, entirely new—no one act had been witnessed last week being repeated.

Frank, George and John, "the three marvels," opened the ball as clowns and at once put the audience in a good humour. They were followed by Mr. George Harmston with the invaluable trick-horse *Bangalore*, which seems to be possessed of as much intelligence as any ordinary man and a good deal more brains than most people seem to have—"Browne" of ye *Shire* for instance. Then Mathews and Gilbert created a fury by their pleasant performance with bells, and had to do it again" as per usual. That over, Adelina and Dan Feely went through some of the most marvellous gymnastics ever witnessed in any part of the world, the latter finishing the act with a most sensational slide for life.

To report fully on last night's excellent performance is more than the space at our disposal to-day will admit of, but Miss Le Blond, who went through the bounding jockey act and jumped on her horse's back from the ground while the animal was galloping full speed, deserves special mention, as do Dan Feely, who went through most amusing and difficult stunts on stilts, Amella and little Johnnie who elicited the audience by their graceful and daring double trapéze performance.

George Harmston, for his impersonation of the ruined gambler (quite a hit) "busted" Hongkong, and Will Hayes, who couldn't get a single sailor to stick on the ticky American donkey "Anly" for two minutes, although the "Jacks" tried hard to "acop in" the ten-dollar bill promised to any one who would ride the sagacious colt three times round the ring.

To-night, the programme will be the same, while on Saturday there will be a matinee when the every item of the evening bill of fare will be gone through for the benefit of young Hongkong, commencing at 3 o'clock.

We are informed that the famous mimic and monologue artist, Mr. Harry Dale, will shortly arrive in Hongkong; he stands alone, the peer of all. Also Eddie Lupino, an equestrian artist, who has won fame in continental Europe by her daring acts of equestrianism, and is said to have turned the heads of many of the leading lights of London society, she being the handsomest equestrienne in the world.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

LONDON, November 13th.—The steam tug *Secret* which left Lytham on Oct 25th on a short voyage, carrying three passengers and a crew of six, is believed to have foundered, as the body of one of the passengers has been found off Lundy Isle, in the Bristol channel.

The Standard's local correspondent writes that he heard a series of painful conferences is under way having for their purpose the revision of the Samson treaty.

PARIS, November 13th.—

A dispatch from Lisbon says the Lisbon Harbor Works controversy, growing out of the action of the Portuguese Government in seizing the plant belonging to M. Herent, a French contractor, has led to differences in the Portuguese Cabinet. The seizure has recently been the subject of correspondence between the French and Portuguese Governments. It is thought that the differences in the Cabinet will result in reconstruction of the conservative basis before the opening of the Cortes, Ministers Bethenda, Amaral and Furtado resigning their portfolios.

With a view to checking the growing importation of foreign goods into the French colonies and protectorates, the colonial administration has requested the French railway and steamship companies to establish a system of differential freight rates in favor of French merchandise.

M. Cluseret's bill to enforce the penalties for dueling has been rejected by a committee of the Chamber of Deputies. M. Cluseret declares that he will bring the bill forward again.

The French public is just beginning to grasp the significance of the result of the elections in the United States. The financial columns of the daily press and the financial organs declare that the Democratic success will give a new impetus to trade, will bring additional capitalistic business throughout the world and will add fresh fuel to the smouldering agitation against the McKinley protectionists of France."

The leading Swiss *Revue* warns Europe that if the Democrats lower the tariff in America, America will become redoubtable unless Europe also adopts free trade. High duties on American products, it says, will intensify the civil and complete the ruin of Europe.

While a company of troops was waiting at the Comptoir station to fire a private insulted and struck an officer, telling him to the ground and crying "Long live anarchie! Down with the army and the officers!"

The man was at once arrested. The penalty for striking an officer is usually death.

NOW YORK, November 13th.—The *Herald* in an article of considerable length to-morrow will advocate the abolition of our foreign ministries and the substitution thereof for a perfected consular service. The *Herald* attributes the first utterance of the subject to James G. Blaine some years ago.

PHILADELPHIA, November 13th.—

One of the speakers at a meeting of anarchists yesterday proposed that the proletariat honor the memory of the Chicago anarchists by preparing for a general attack upon the bourgeoisie. Another speaker declared the anarchists could reach the goal only by way of the prison and scaffold. A third speaker declared that a social revolt on was impossible without bloodshed. He urged that propaganda by violence would be more potent than any speech in the Reichstag.

A socialist convention will meet in Concord Hall here to-morrow. The day will be devoted to the election of officers and preliminary organization. On Tuesday a number of papers will be presented and their subject matter discussed.

MAXIM, November 13th.

The King and Queen Regent and their guests,

the King and Queen of Portugal, to-day witnessed, from the palace balconies, a grand municipal Columbus cavalcade. The spectacle included a number of historical and allegorical cars. An immense crowd witnessed the display.

The Queen of Portugal, who is anxious to see a bull fight, has promised to attend one especially arranged for Wednesday, arrayed in Spanish national costume.

ROUEN, November 13th.

Supplementary election for Members of the Italian Parliament were held to-day. The returns so far received show thirty-eight candidates elected and only one Opposition candidate elected.

BRUSSELS, November 13th.

The Official Gazette announces that on the initiative of France it has been decided to hold prior to the assembling of the international monetary conference a preliminary meeting of the delegates from the countries forming the Latin Union.

THE HAGUE, November 13th.

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The dispute between England and France arising from an English war ship boarding in the waters of Madagascar a slave ship that was flying a French flag is settled. Lord Rosebery, the Foreign Minister, agreed to pay a small indemnity to the owners of the ship, and to instruct the commanders of British war ships not to interfere with ships within French territorial waters.

The second week of the great cotton lockout opens with increased prospect of trouble being long continued. There are 6,000 spindles working full time, 250,000 on half time, and 12,000,000 stopped. The Masters' Federation has asked the owners of spindles working full time to begin to shorten the time Thursday. All have assented except the masters at Bolton, who spin Egyptian cotton mostly. They plead that their hands are full of orders, and their mills must work full time to fill them.

In the little village of Petergate, Devonshire, yesterday, Dr. Williams, an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of Emily Doidge, a farmer's daughter, shot and killed her and her rival William Rose, as they were returning from church. He then shot himself probably fatally.

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A dispatch from Kinsale, Ireland, announces that the British corvette *Calydon* has been sighted under sail. The *Calydon*, which belongs to the training squadron, was reported a few days ago as having broken her shaft while en route to Madeira.

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ROME, November 23rd.

King Humbert, in his speech at the opening of the Italian Parliament, said he confided to enjoy friendly relations with all the powers.

His Majesty, then said that the Triple Alliance continues its vigilant care to prevent any dissensions in Europe. As regards the financial equilibrium in Italy, His Majesty said it would be attained without any increase in taxation.

PARIS, November 23rd.

M. Ferdinand de Lesseps is so weakened by age that he will not be able to appear at the forthcoming trial of the directors of the Panama Canal Company, of which he is at present ignorant.

PARIS, November 24th.

The parliamentary situation is disquieting. The Ministry in all probability will be overthrown to-morrow or the day after on the question of the liberty of the press, for it does not wish to take the responsibility of the prosecutions called for in the Panama canal affair. The excitement in political and newspaper world is very great.

By a vote of 318 to 211 the Chamber of Deputies to-day abolished the wine-growers' privilege of manufacturing alcohol from a portion of their crop duty free.

Louis Tolstoi, the Socialist who was liberated after serving one year of six years' sentence for slaving at Fourmies, was elected Councillor at Roubaix, beating the Conservative candidate by a vote of 2928 to 1700.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 13th.—A Royal Commission will shortly be appointed to consider the modification of the Poor Laws in favour of the aged and those powerless to work.

The death is announced of General Dyett Abbott.

The Peninsular and Oriental Company has declared a dividend of five per cent. on their preferred stock and ten per cent. on the deferred stock.

PARIS, November 13th.

A debate lasting three days has taken place in the Chamber of Deputies on the Bill for sharpening the Press Laws, which Government introduced for the purpose of stopping the press publishing articles which are an incitement to dynamism. The overthrow of the Cabinet on the bill was regarded as certain at the outset, but M. Loubet's firmness eventually triumphed and the bill was read a second time by a majority of one hundred and one.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 13th.—Count Tolstoi predicts another Russian famine in the coming winter.

LONDON, November 13th.

Holmes, late signalman, who caused the accident at Thirsk has been committed for manslaughter. The jury, however, held that the directors were answerable, owing to the long hours the man was kept on night duty.

November 20th.

The committee of the Indian Currency Commission met yesterday and examined Messrs. Fowler, Helmuth, Schmidt and others, and afterwards adjourned.

The death is announced of General William Sankey.

November 21st.

Summons against the Directors of the Panama Canal Company were served yesterday. Baron Reinach, one of the defendants in the case, died yesterday of apoplexy.

After 1st February import duties on wine, opium and tobacco will be imposed at Zanzibar.

The death is announced of the Very Revd. Marsha Argles, Dean of Peterborough.

PARIS, November 21st.

Notwithstanding M. Loubet's recent victory the Chamber have voted an amendment to the Press Law which violates the measure and renders the Government nearly as powerless as they were before.

LONDON, November 22nd.

The *Gazette* of Baroda paid a visit to the Queen at Windsor yesterday, and was received with military honors. Her Majesty granted the Maharaja a private audience, and decorated him with the order of the Crown of India.

It is announced that the Channel Squadron will not pay its accustomed visit to the Tagus this year, as owing to the anti-English feeling among the native demonstration would be made.

The man was at once arrested. The penalty for striking an officer is usually death.

NOW YORK, November 13th.—The *Herald* in an article of considerable length to-morrow will advocate the abolition of our foreign ministries and the substitution thereof for a perfected consular service. The *Herald* attributes the first utterance of the subject to James G. Blaine some years ago.

PHILADELPHIA, November 13th.

The King and Queen Regent and their guests,

the King and Queen of Portugal, to-day witnessed, from the palace balconies, a grand municipal Columbus cavalcade. The spectacle included a number of historical and allegorical cars. An immense crowd witnessed the display.

The Queen of Portugal, who is anxious to see a bull fight, has promised to attend one especially arranged for Wednesday, arrayed in Spanish national costume.

ROUEN, November 13th.

Supplementary election for Members of the Italian Parliament were held to-day. The returns so far received show thirty-eight candidates elected and only one Opposition candidate elected.

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